

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As I write my first editorial comments for Biophilately, I look forward to the opportunity to provide the membership of the Biology Unit with interesting and useful information about our hobby and our mutual collecting interests, and hopefully to carry on the excellent work that Alan Hanks has performed during his editorship. Alan took over as editor in the 1970s, and, in addition, has served throughout this period as both a director and officer in the Biology Unit. I would like to thank him on behalf of all the Unit members for all of his contributions and especially for his work on this publication throughout the years.

In order to introduce myself, I thought it would be worthwhile to let you know a little bit about my background. I have been a member of both the American Topical Association and the Biology Unit for 26 years. My main topical collecting interest is Lepidoptera and I have published a series of checklists for these items since 1991. I also collect U.S. stamps and the U.S. military history topic, and entered my first exhibit at the National Topical Stamp Show this year—a display exhibit on the life of Alexander Hamilton. I graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1969, and was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer in the U.S. Army. I retired from the Army in 1990, after serving 20 years on active duty, more than half of that time overseas in places such as Vietnam, Germany, and the Middle East. Currently, I work for a contractor supporting the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. My job requires that I travel frequently, and in fact, when you receive this edition, I will be at the White Sands Missile Range helping to test some new equipment for our armed forces. I am currently not married, but I have two teenage step-daughters from a previous marriage who keep me busy with their many activities.

In the current issue, you will find the regular new issues listings from our various sub-editors. It has been several issues since we have had a listing for Marine Invertebrates, which you will find on page 118, and Paleontology, which starts on page 129. In addition, it has been almost two years since our last Ichthyology listing appeared and happily we have an update, which begins on page 105.

You may note some changes in formatting in this issue from the previous editions. This mainly results from the transition of files between Alan and me. Also, I have made the formatting among the different section more consistent as far as titles and typefaces. Because our readers are familiar with the structure of the listing for their particular topic, I have tried not to modify this in order to prevent confusion.

I invite readers to send me their suggestions for improvement on any aspect of the journal. See the inside cover for contact information. And, as with almost every editor of a journal such as this, I am always looking for articles, letters, and other input of interest to the readers for inclusion in future editions. I eagerly look forward to this challenge.

Jack Congrove

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